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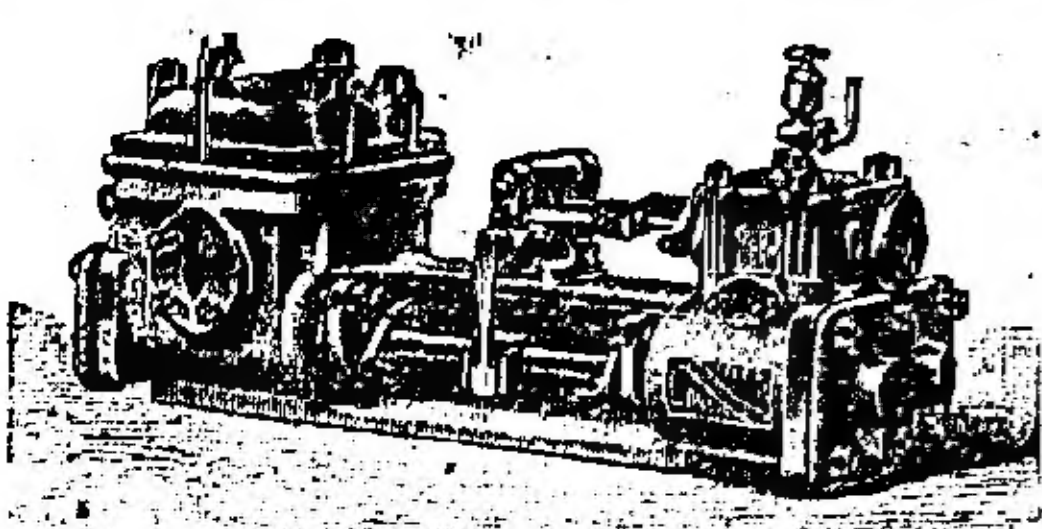
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The following are the distinguishing
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5747/57501	58391/58400
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W. H. GSKELL,
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Hongkong, August 17, 1899. 1853

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ARCH. RITCHEY,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS
are requested to send in a Statement of
BANKERS' BALANCES during the Half-
Year ended 30th June, 1899, on or before
the 15th September, on which date the
Accounts will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary,
Hongkong, August 24, 1899. 1805

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

IN Accordance with the Provisions of
No. 12 of the Articles of Association,
the General Assembly of the Company
Declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND of
2 Per Cent. for the Half-year ending 30th
June, 1899, on the Paid-up Capital of the
Company.
DIVIDEND WARRANTS PAYABLE
on SATURDAY, the 2nd September, will
be issued to Shareholders.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from 24th Inst. to
2nd Prox. both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, August 17, 1899. 1855

OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES
LIMITED.

IN Accordance with Article No. VIII.
Paragraph 3 of the Articles of Association
of the Company, Interest at the
Rate of 10 per Annum is being CHARGED
on all UNPAID CALLS.
JOHN H. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, August 10, 1899. 1802

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ANNUAL ORDINARY MEET-
ING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the
above Company will be held at the Office
of the General Managers on SATURDAY,
the 9th September Next, at Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the
Managing Committee, and Statement of
Accounts to the 31st July, 1899, also for
the consideration of the following Extra-
ordinary Resolution, which will be sub-
mitted to the Meeting:-

"That in paragraph 2, Clause
XVI, in Articles of Association,
the figure \$1,000,000 be substituted
for \$500,000."

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, August 20, 1899. 1908

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Hongkong, July 12, 1897. 9590

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LONDON.....Formosa.....A. G. CUBITT, R.N.R. About 7th Sept.
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* See Special Advertisement.
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Notes by the Way.

It is proposed to enlarge *Punch* from the 1st January next.

The Lion has had its tail twisted at Hankow, and has roared to some purpose.

Interesting Late Telegrams will be found on Page 5. The Drydock Case is producing some strange revelations.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty:—Lieutenants: the Hon. A. L. O. F. Sampill, to the *Victorious*, to date June 30; and J. T. Blake, to the *Hermione*, to date Oct. 1.

French-Belgian chambers are now working on the following Government orders for Port Arthur and Vladivostok:—Two 200-ton cargo barges, two 200-ton fresh water tank barges, two 60-ton and two 30-ton barges, eight large and small hoppers, and a powerful steam tug. They are also building a fast troop transport and collier, 310 ft. long, for the Volunteer Fleet's Far Eastern service.

The Colonial Institute.

Mr. Harry Wickham (Hongkong) and Mr. Charles D. Wilkinson (Hongkong) have been elected Fellows of the Royal Colonial Institute.

Government Notifications.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the Queen's exequatur empowering Cavalieri Zanoni Volpelli to act as Consul for Italy at Hongkong has received Her Majesty's signature.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that H.E. the Governor has been pleased to recognise Mr. H. E. Silvestri as in temporary charge of the Austro-Hungarian consulate during the absence of Mr. M. Kutschera, or until further notice.

A letter from Consul-General Widman is published in the *Gazette* transmitting an order issued by the U.S. War Department to the effect that no merchandise may be brought, under penalty of forfeiture thereof, into Cuba, Porto Rico, or the Philippine Islands from the United States or any Foreign country, in any vessel measuring less than 50 tons gross in capacity.

Museum.

There were 171 European and 1,474 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Museum during the week ending 27th Aug.

The Stranding of the 'Bonaventure'.

We learn from Home papers that a Court of Enquiry was held into the stranding of H.M.S. *Bonaventure* while the vessel was with the fleet off north, and that all the officers were honourably acquitted of responsibility for the accident.

The Australian Cricketers.

To-day, the Australian cricketers are playing Lancashire at Liverpool. They have now only three matches to play, the others being at Eton of England at Scarborough and the South of England at Hastings. The latter match commences on the 4th September.

Masagni and Dewey.

At Pesaro on 23rd July, Signor Masagni's hymn in honour of Admiral Dewey was performed for the first time, and met with general approval. It was generally considered one of the best things that Masagni has written. Though honouring Admiral Dewey, the hymn is an apology of the victories of the American nation.

Accidents.

Another two accidents happened to workmen on Saturday. A contractor's engine engaged in the demolition of a house opposite the Alice Memorial Hospital was injured by the fall of a portion of the wall, and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital by the Police. A man fell from the scaffolding of a building in course of erection in Hollywood Road, and was removed to the Tang Wah Hospital by his friends.

The Typhoon at Amoy.

Writing from Amoy on the 23rd inst., our correspondent reports:—We have just escaped a typhoon. Bad weather set in at six o'clock last night, and it blew very hard, but never at typhoon force. No damage was done locally. No damage is reported along the coast. The steamer *Pookoo* left Swatow for Amoy yesterday at noon, but has not yet put in an appearance. No doubt, she is taking shelter outside somewhere.

The Japanese at Amoy.

Our Amoy correspondent, writing on the 23rd inst., says:—I wired you this morning about the Japanese attempting to take over their new Settlement on Tiger Hill. The Japanese Consul sent over his Secretary and the Consul's constable to raise the Japanese flag this morning. They were first met by a crowd of Chinese women and children, praying them not to take away their land and graves, and afterwards by a riotous mob of Chinese, who chased them away. The Secretary and the constable were stoned, and I believe both of them were injured. This looks like the beginning of further troubles over the Japanese Settlement question. The Provincial Judge, Cho Jindan here, and his wife, who settled the question of this concession to the Japanese, as the *Taipei* says, have already stated, was very strongly against it.

International Shooting Match.

The competition at Bixley for the National Challenge Trophy (twenty men a-side) resulted in its being won by Scotland with 1880 points. The other scores were:—England, 1875; Wales, 1812; and Ireland, 1847. Scotland has won this competition for several years.

Three Imperial Orphans.

Some curiosity is felt here as to the future of the children left by the late Czarovitch. It is not generally known that the Grand Duke George contracted a morganatic marriage some years ago with a very poor princess of one of the Caucasian princely families, the union resulting in the birth of three children.

The William Black Memorial.

The Committee of the William Black Memorial Fund, having ascertained that there is no need for another lifeboat on the West Coast of South Africa, has decided that the memorial shall take the form of a beacon light to be known as the William Black Beacon. The Commissioners of Northern Light Houses state that there is also a necessity for such a light at Durban Point, near the entrance to the Sound of Moll, where most of the steamer traffic of the West Highlands passes.

The Governorship of the Straits.

It is being surmised, with what foundation does not appear (says the *Singapore Free Press*), that H.E. the Governor is to get an extension of one year in office. What lends some degree of probability to this is the prospect of Sir Alexander Swettenham's transfer to Ceylon, which, if Sir Charles Mitchell went also, might leave the Colony provided with both a Governor and a Colonial Secretary strange to the Colony, and unfamiliar with its affairs.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Mr. Geo. H. Burnett, the sub-manager and accountant of the London Branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, who has, to the regret of many of the constituents of the bank, been absent for some months owing to ill-health, has now returned from the service of the bank. Consequent on this Mr. H. T. S. Green becomes acting sub-manager, and Mr. W. Nicholls fills the post of accountant. Mr. Burnett takes with him into his retirement the good wishes of a large number of friends who have been associated in business with the bank, and their hopes for the restoration of his health.

The Perils of Cleanliness.

The *Ichang* correspondent of the *N. O. Daily News* wrote on the 19th inst.:—Mr. Davis of the China Inland Mission arrived from Wanchow on Saturday. He reports the arrival of Mr. Nicolson, of the Chungking Trading Co., at that place overland from Ichang. Grave trouble arose and Mr. Nicolson was in danger of his life. He was accused of poisoning the water. He had evidently been profuse in his use of 'Joy's' Fluid at the native inns and from this rumor may have arisen. 'Had it not been for the presence of the two Chinese gentlemen who travelled with him, he would have been in sore straits. Luckily he was able to get away from Wanchow and intended travelling the rest of the way to Chungking by boat.

The 'Saturnus' Outrage.

According to news from Apari, brought by the *Roma*, the Filipino military chief there has notified the agent of the Company Tabacalera to render a list of all cargo that was on board the *Saturnus* when she was turned at San Fernando and destined for Apari. When this list is given, a claim can be filed against the Filipino Government for the value of the same, and if any of the cargo has been salvaged it will be returned to its owners. 'Nothing is said about the cargo that has not been salvaged. An official assurance is given by the chief of the company that the cargo belonging to the Company can come to Apari without being molested. In Apari and district the utmost quietude prevails, and a good crop of tobacco is promised. The Spanish prisoners are treated well and the agents of the Company Tabacalera are aiding them in every possible manner. General Tironeo, the Filipino chief, is reported to be heartily in accord with the idea that these unfortunate should be released. If this is true, we don't see why Tironeo should release them, to show his good faith.

The Shanghai Docks.

Mr. A. L. Robertson writes in the 'Speculators' Corner' in *Spirit and Gospe*:—The accounts of the Engineering Dock for the year ended 30th April were circulated yesterday. Including the 25,319.63 brought forward from last year, there is a balance of £2,347.88 at credit of Profits and Loss, out of which the Directors propose to pay a dividend on the second issue of shares at the rate of 7% per annum for the six months ended 30th April. This will amount to £4,600, and carry forward to the balance of £1,747.88 to be new account. In the report the Directors state that owing to the cramped and unfinished state of the works the Company could not properly compete for business until quite recently, but now they are obtaining a fair share of the work. They further state:—The Dock has a success from an engineering point of view, and in all human foresight it will require no outlay worth mentioning for many years to come. We are able to dock with perfect safety the very heaviest of modern vessels that frequent Shanghai. The accounts are brief and concise.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS.—At *Rowdon*, Isle de Cuba, Isle de Luzon, Carlisle City, Esmeralda, H.M.S. *Bonaventure*, Oslo, Feiloh.

Cosmopolitan.—Don Juan de Austria, Phra C. C. Kiao.

Aberdeen.—*Dunav*.

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REV. J. M. Whiting, pastor of the Methodist Church, at Cambridge, Mass., says:—I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and I have never known it fail. It is a great relief to the suffering, and I have seen it cure many cases of cholera, and I have seen it cure many cases of cholera, and I have seen it cure many cases of cholera.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS

'CHINA MAIL'S' SPECIAL SERVICE

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA IN CHINA.

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE YANGTSE VALLEY.

A PLUCKY BRITISH CONSUL.

CONFLICT BETWEEN COSSACKS AND CONSULAR OFFICERS.

(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent.)

* SHANGHAI, August 27, 12.16 p.m.

A dispute has arisen between the Consular representatives of Great Britain and Russia at Hankow over certain property rights claimed by the British Consul, Mr. R. W. Hest, on behalf of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co.

Yesterday, the representatives of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., at Hankow, acting under instructions from Consul Hest, gave directions to have a fence erected round their property inside the Russian Concession. On several occasions the Russians have attempted to expatriate this ground.

The British Consul sent consular constables to protect the workmen engaged in the erection of the fence. The work had not proceeded far when a dozen Cossacks marched from the Russian Consulate and forcibly ejected the workmen.

Consul Hest thereupon consulted Lieut. Commander Barton, of the river gunboat *Woodcock*, and at the request of the Consul fifteen bluejackets were landed, and the quickfiring guns of the gunboat were moved to command the Russian Consulate.

A fight seemed imminent for some time, but was averted.

The bluejackets are now guarding the property of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co.

H.M.S. *Es* (Lieut. Commander Chidwick) has left Shanghai for Hankow.

It is evident that the British Government has determined to assert its rights to the utmost.

This telegram was issued at 3 p.m. yesterday afternoon as a special extra.

[In his report on the trial of Hankow for 1898, Mr. R. B. Moorhead, Commissioner of Customs, makes the following references to the various Concessions at this Yangtse port:—Arrangements for a Japanese Concession were concluded in July; this latest Concession is situated on the north side of the German Concession, so that there now is a continuous line of Concessions, measuring in all over 2 miles of river frontage. The new British Concession extension was agreed upon in November; the extension runs from the back of the original British Concession up to the city wall. Bonding work is proceeding on the Russian and French Concessions, and on the latter building is going on apiece; roads are laid out and things beginning to generally assume shape. Bonding has not yet been commenced on the German Concession, but an engineer has already arrived to undertake this work. The want of house accommodation has been a very serious one of late, and it is hoped that when these new Concessions are built upon this inconvenience will cease.—(En., C. M.)

LATEST NEWS FROM HANKOW.

BRITISH BLUE JACKETS WITHDRAWN.

(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, August 28, 3.43 p.m.

The bluejackets which were landed from the *Woodcock* have now been withdrawn.

The fence round Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s property has been finished by the workmen.

It is anticipated that the Russian Government will repudiate and disapprove of the action of the Russian Consul at Hankow.

ILLNESS OF THE EMPRESS DOWAGER OF CHINA.

Reports from Peking state that the Empress Dowager of China is seriously ill.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 25th August, 1899.

THE TRANSVAAL TROUBLE.

It has transpired that the Transvaal and the Orange Free State have imported enormous quantities of arms and munitions during the last three years. There is a growing feeling among the British element in South Africa that no settlement will be lasting unless it contains a provision for the reduction of the armaments of the two Republics.

The distress at Johannesburg is increasing, and every outward train is blocked with fugitives. The natives at the mine are becoming restless.

HONGKONG NAVAL DOCKYARD EXTENSION.

THE SUBJECT IN PARLIAMENT.

In introducing the Naval Works Bill in the House of Commons on the 25th July, Mr. Austen Chamberlain made several references to the extension of the Naval Dockyard at Hongkong. With the outline of the proposed extension, our readers are familiar, as the changes in the plans have been referred to from time to time in our columns.

Mr. Chamberlain explained that the progress in the initial stages of the work here had been less rapid than the Government had either hoped or anticipated. That was partly due to the changes of policy in regard to some of the works. There had been substituted in Hongkong for the original scheme a new and much larger scheme, and there had been unexpected difficulty in obtaining land which they required; the acquisition whether by purchase or otherwise had been disappointingly slow.

He hoped tenders for the work at Hongkong would be called for during the present year. Addressing himself to the necessity for providing docking accommodation for the fleet, he pointed out that the China Squadron had been nearly trebled in the last ten years. It was, therefore, proposed to build a dock at Hongkong. Recent developments had very much increased the importance of Hongkong; but, except for one dock at Kowloon, there was no dock on British territory which would take the four largest ships of the Chinese station nearer than Sydney; and none nearer than Bombay which would take the next two. There would also be considerable difficulty in docking the ships at Kowloon in consequence of the nature of the currents there. When proposed: were first made for this dockyard extension a dock was not included in the scheme; but a portion of the extension was reserved for a dock if it became necessary. Seeing that Kowloon was large enough for the largest cruisers, and that the space in the Hongkong Dockyard was very valuable, it was proposed to build only a shorter dock—350 ft. long, 95 ft. wide, and 30 ft. deep.

Sir U. Kay Shuttleworth (Lancashire, Conservative), in the course of his speech, said there was no disguising the fact that the circumstances to which the hon. gentleman had alluded—an increased fleet and large ships—necessitated additional works in various parts of the world. But it was rather strange to contemplate what all this would lead to. The hon. gentleman said that the dockyard extension was a necessary part of the world, and a very large increase in the future Naval Estimates. They were entitled to ask whether in some of these cases it might not be better to pursue a policy like that pursued with respect to the dockyard extension, that is, to have a policy of increasing private enterprise to establish docks of sufficient dimensions to receive Admiralty ships.

Lord C. Beresford thought the statement of the Civil Lord was a very clear one, and that was what they wanted in the country. He believed that it would be very much cheaper in the end to the State to have our own docks and dockyard facilities, instead of depending on private enterprise to establish docks of sufficient dimensions to receive Admiralty ships.

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IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

(Before Their Honours W. M. Gossman, Acting Chief Justice, and A. G. Wiser, Puisne Judge.)

Monday, August 28.

CHAN KING v. LO CHUNG MAN.

This was an application for leave to appeal against a decision of Mr. T. Soremba Smith, Police Magistrate, whereby appellant was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, in April last, for robbery from a fishing junk.

Mr. E. Robinson (instructed by Mr. Brutton) appeared for the appellant.

Mr. Robinson said he appeared on behalf of the appellant, and he was instructed service had been effected upon respondent. He would ask therefore that he be called upon to appear.

The Court ushered three times upon the respondent, but he did not appear. Mr. Robinson said he would ask for the allowance of the motion for the rehearing, and quoted cases in support of his petition on the ground that the respondent not having put in an appearance the hearing should be granted.

The Acting Chief Justice said he should want the grounds for appeal.

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TESTIMONIAL TO THE OFFICERS OF THE NIPPON MARU.

A GRATEFUL TRIBUTE BY PASSENGERS.

The following testimonial was presented to the Officers of the *Nippon Maru* Kaisha's steamer *Nippon Maru* at the conclusion of a notable voyage across the Pacific:—

THE PASSENGERS OF THE 'NIPPON MARU' TO THE OFFICERS OF THE SHIP.

We have recently crossed the Pacific in your noble ship, and have passed through the unique and painful experience of three quarantine detentions covering a time much greater than our actual voyage. The time of our third and longest detention in dragging its slow length along, and promises to terminate before the two children in arms among us have reached years of maturity. After the long series of experience through which we have passed in company with the officers of this vessel we feel moved on the one of our separation to give you an imperfect expression of our thanks for the manifold kindnesses that have been shown to us throughout our journey, and in all our detentions.

We assure that we shall always speak words of appreciation of the *Nippon Maru* as a great sea-going ship, and a large and beautiful ship and well equipped in all her appointments. For the first five days from Japan we encountered a heavy sea, but our ship cut her way through the waves with a steadiness that no ship has ever surpassed. Your Company has treated us with the greatest courtesy and kindness, and promises when you contracted to give us passage in your ship across the great waters. Though unfortunately experiencing a series of quarantine detentions involving serious monetary loss, you have met without extra charge the expenses of a series of quarantine detentions, and being consumed night and day with disappointment of their detention have chiefly directed their energies to the consumption of the bountiful supply of food that has been set before them.

To the Officers of the ship we desire to say that you have placed us under a great obligation, not because you have discharged your duties in ministering to our wants, but because in a thousand ways you have gone beyond the letter of your duty, and by your courtesies and thoughtfulness have helped to break the monotony of our long voyage, and so have added flavor to our restricted social life. Especially do we desire to extend to you our thanks for all that you have done for us to make life less miserable during this last, and longest, and as we believe least justifiable quarantine detention. You have stripped the ship of its culinary appliances, have directed your officers of service to do so, and have given us under unimpaired conditions given us our food with regularity, and in variety and abundance; and in many other ways have helped to keep our heads above the waters and mud of this slough of despond until the day of our deliverance.

We do not ask for a return of your voyage, you may be delivered from the ordinary ill of life from cholera, plague, fever, from scurvy, leprosy and small-pox; but we do ask that you may escape the cruel teeth of the quarantine bacilli, which if once fixed in the flesh will go through the human organism, and will be sent through an African forest, leaving nothing but dead behind.

May we hope that this experience through which we have passed together will stand out in your memories as a lone rock on a receding horizon, and that a kind Providence may direct you, and enrich your lives in the years of the future.

From the Passengers of *Nippon Maru*.

REVIEW.

THE ART JOURNAL. August, 1899. London: J. S. Virtue & Co., Limited.

In times past it has been our custom to bestow unstinted praise on this illustrated monthly. As it is one of the best of its type now before the public, the *Art Journal* deserves all the praise we can give it. Its merits, however, have well-nigh exhausted our vocabulary of commendatory epithets, and we content ourselves this month with the general statement that the issue is well worthy of its predecessors, while it possesses certain features that will be of exceptional interest to individual readers.

For instance, The Rev. Dr. Hugh Macmillan, than whom there is not a more graceful or entertaining writer in any of the Scottish Churches, continues his articles on the 'Theft from the East' series. In this issue, he deals with 'Kiln and its neighbourhood, and those who have had the pleasure of a trip through Glen Dochart, the land of the Macnabs, to Killin, Loch Tay, and Aberfeldy will enjoy with equal zest the fine descriptive letters of Dr. Macmillan, and the beautiful illustrations of the Perthshire scenery from the pencil of A. Scott Rankin. Among the other noteworthy articles mention may be made of 'The Edinburgh Ten-and-P

